Damage to Irrigation works

527. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a special task force to assess the damage to irrigation works during the recent floods in the country;

(b) if so, by when the task force is likely to submit its report;

(c) the details of the irrigation sites, likely to be visited by the task force; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to get the irrigation works repaired?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) Special Task Force was set up in respect of Punjab and Haryana States. After inspecting flood damages to irrigation works, the Task Force submitted its report on 5th November. Provisions for urgent repairs to damaged irrigation works have been indicated to the States of Punjab and Haryana.

Tribal Health research centres

528. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a chain of tribal Health research centres in the country in the near future;

(b) if so, the State in which such research centres would be set up; and

(c) to what extent the tribal and rural people will be benefited by these research centres?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA) : (a) to (c) There is no proposal to set up a chain of Tribal Health Research Centres in the country as two Regional Medical Research Centres established by Indian Council of Medical Research are functioning at Jabalpur and Port Blair. Besides the Clinical Research Units set up by Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy are located at (1) Aizwal (2) Bastar (3) Bharmaur (4) Bharauch (5) Dandli (6) Darjeeling (7) Dipnu (8) Gonda (9) Idukki (10) Eta Nagar (11) Jaipur (12) Kohima (13) Leh (14) Manipur (15) Pondicherry (16) Ranchi (17) Salem (18) Sambalpur (19) Shillong (20) Sikkim (21) Tripura (22) Vijayavada. Moreover five tribal Health Care Research Projects in Ayurveda set up by the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha (CCRAS) are located at (1) Zire (2) Car Nicobar (3) Palamau (4) Jhabua and (5) Dhuli: two projects in Siddha are located at (1) Thripathur and Chikamanglore, and one project in Amchi system of Medicine is at Leh. In addition to this two Regional Research Centres of CCRAS functioning at Eta Nagar and Gangtok.

Identification of drug for Trachoma Control Programme

529. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4210 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st August, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the reasons for not using ORG sales figures to identify drugs for Trachoma Control Programme when medicines for eye diseases are not directly purchased by the Government;

(b) what are the reasons for ignoring principles and criteria while identifying obsolete drugs like Tetracycline and Hydrocortisone for eye preparations; and

(c) what steps have been taken to rectify the situation and fix responsibility on those who took wrong action due to vested interest?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) As already stated in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4210 dated 31-8-88, commonly used effective drugs for control of Trachoma and Blindness were recommended for Price Control under Category I on the advise of the Director General of Health